Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 08 Dec 2020 at 16:05 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled period with mainly southeasterly winds and the eastern ranges seeing the worst of the poorer conditions. Medium confidence for the amount of cloud and rainfall for the next few days.

Headline for Wednesday 09 Dec 2020: Mainly dry but quite cloudy, light southeasterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Cloudy	Dull	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 09 Dec 2020

Weather: A mainly dry day but quite a lot of cloud around the Southwest Highland ranges, hopefully a few sunny intervals will break through in Glencoe and Lochaber. Any periods of sunshine will be short lived as cloud thickens from the west later in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% chance, scattered cloud will fall below the summits at times but definite breaks in the cloud.

Visibility: Mainly good or very good but perhaps falling moderate later in the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/23 W	18/21 SW	15/17 E	12/15 S	14/18 S	19/24 SE	23/29 SE	26/33 SE	28/36 SE
900	11/16 W	11/14 W	9/12 SW	8/10 SW	11/15 S	15/20 SE	19/26 SE	21/28 SE	21/30 SE
600	16/19 SW	12/14 SW	9/11 S	8/10 S	11/14 S	15/20 SE	15/19 SE	16/22 SE	20/27 SE
300	7/11 SW	5/7 W	6/7 S	6/9 S	6/11 S	9/14 SE	12/19 SE	11/20 E	13/24 E
Glen	9/18 W	5/10 W	3/6 W	3/6 S	3/7 S	5/11 SE	6/13 E	6/13 E	8/16 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-8	-3/-10	-3/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12
900	1/-4	1/-4	0/-4	-1/-4	-0/-5	-1/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8
600	3/-2	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1	2/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-3
300	5/2	5/3	4/2	4/2	5/2	4/1	4/0	4/-0	3/-1
Glen	6/4	6/5	5/4	5/4	6/5	5/3	5/3	5/2	5/2
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	800m	700m	700m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Southeasterly winds set to strengthen in the afternoon and feeling very cold on the tops.

Forecast for Thursday 10 Dec 2020
Weather: A weak weather front will sit across much of Scotland on Thursday with cloudy dull conditions and some outbreaks of light rain, or snow above 1000m, at times. Staying mainly dry on more easterly ranges like the Trossachs. Rain becoming heavier on Thursday night.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15-20mph with gusts 25-30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Some low cloud is likely for some southern ranges like around Arrocher and Loch Lomond side where cloud bases maybe around 4-500m, further north and east around Lochaber cloud bases should be around 6-700m. So 30% chance of some breaks in the cloud with a better chance in the north.

Visibility: Moderate visibility, perhaps good at times in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 rising to 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1000m rising to 1200m.

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